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SUBJECT: COGNAC/POULTRY

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY DELIVERED TEXT OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE ON COGNAC TO GUY CARRON DE LA CARRIERE, DEPUTY TO DE MOREL (NOW ON HOLIDAY), ADVISED HIM TO MOVE QUICKLY TO REQUEST PARTICIPATION IN HEARING AND SOUGHT TO REASSURE HIM THAT QUESTION OF CHANGE IN PRICE BREAK STILL OPEN. GOF IS CONCERNED ABOUT UNILATERAL, PROVOCATORY ACTION BY U.S. WHICH WILL TROUBLE PUBLIC OPINION. THEY FEAR THIS WILL BEGIN A PROCESS OF DETERIORATION IN CLIMATE FOR CONDUCT OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND PRACTICALLY FORECLOSES ANY POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING EC DECISIONS FAVORABLE TO IMPROVED ACCESS FOR U.S. POULTRY, A PROSPECT FOR WHICH GOF HAD SOME HOPE UNTIL NOW. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF DELIVERED TEXT OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE
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TO GUY CARRON DE LA CARRIERE AUGUST 4. THIS WAS FIRST

TIME GOF OR EMBASSY HAD HEARD OF AUGUST 6 DEADLINE FOR REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING. EMBOFF RECOMMENDED THAT FRENCH EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON MAKE IMMEDIATE REQUEST OF STR. GOF MINISTRIES ARE THINLY STAFFED IN AUGUST AND CARRON SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE TESTIMONY BY AUGUST 6. EMBOFF POINTED OUT GOF COULD SUBMIT WRITTEN BRIEF BY AUGUST 27 BUT IN NO WAY WOULD THIS PLACE ANY LIMIT ON ARGUMENTATION GOF MIGHT WISH TO PRESENT ON SEPTEMBER 1. EMBOFF ALSO ASSURED GOF OFFICIALS THAT FINAL DECISION ON PRICE BREAK WOULD BE TAKEN ONLY AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL ELEMENTS BROUGHT OUT AT HEARING. GOF OFFICIALS WERE OBVIOUSLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT VALIDITY OF THIS LATTER POINT.

3. CARRON DE LA CARRIERE SAID HE AND OTHER GOF OFFICIALS WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS DISTURBING (FACHEUSE) NEWS. THEY FELT THAT PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE WAS UNWARRANTED BY ANY FRENCH ACTION WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED INJURIOUS TO UNITED STATES TRADE. ON THE CONTRARY, GOF HAD BEEN SEEKING IN BRUSSELS TO ACHIEVE SOME RESULTS ON POULTRY. THEY HAD ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING A REDUCTION IN SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES FOR TURKEY PARTS. IN SEPTEMBER, WHEN EC POULTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECONVENES, GOF HAD HOPES OF FURTHER PROGRESS ON COEFFICIENTS AND ON TIMING OF POULTRY SHIPMENTS. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN COOPERATION FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES IF ACTION HAD TO BE TAKEN UNDER THREATS OF UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE U.S. GOF PUBLIC OPINION, ESPECIALLY IN BORDEAUX AREA, WOULD BE VERY DISTURBED. COGNAC REPRESENTS 15 PERCENT OF FRENCH AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. GOF HAS HEARD FREQUENT U.S. ARGUMENTS ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FINDS THREAT TO INCREASE DUTY ON COGNAC ILLOGICAL. THEREFORE THEY BELIEVE U.S. IS DETERMINED TO RAISE THE DUTY, BUT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY. CARRON SAID HE FEARS U.S. MOVE WILL START A CHAIN REACTION LEADING TO RECRIMINATIONS, RETALIATIONS, ETC. WHICH CAN ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE RESULT OF SOURING ATMOSPHERE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IF U.S. FINALLY RAISES DUTY, CARRON SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT ACTION GOF WOULD TAKE, BUT IT WOULD BE "APPROPRIATE."
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